ABSTRACT

A payment system and associated method for controlling the use of a software program by a user, is provided. The system includes a terminal executing a software program subject to the usage control. The software generates an interface offering continued utilization of the software in exchange for payment from the user. Software parameters are exchanged with a payment module and a payment server for controlling the use of the software and determining whether or not the user has accepted proposed terms and whether or not payment for the use of the software program can be verified.